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1. Sassnitz

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No substantial changes have been observed in the occupation of Sassnitz harbor. One to four submarine chasers of the SO-1 Class [redacted] were berthed in the harbor alternatively. The vessels were stationed in Swinemuende. The harbor was also used by motor torpedo boats of the Swinemuende naval base. [redacted] two escort destroyers of the RIGA Class, which have in the meantime been turned over to NVA/See, and landing craft, [redacted] of the MP2 Class were berthed in Sassnitz for a short period.

2. Swinemuende

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With a few exceptions, the vessels berthed in Swinemuende harbor were those which have been observed there for quite a long period. Escort destroyer [redacted] of the RIGA Class which hitherto belonged to the harbor occupation, has no longer been seen after the beginning of the year. The following units were normally berthed in the harbor:

Two escort destroyers [redacted] of the RIGA Class; 50X1-HUM
 Four submarine chasers [redacted] of the SO Class;
 Radio communication vessel [redacted] of the LINAU Class;
 Twelve coastal minesweepers [redacted]

[redacted] of the T-301 Class; 50X1-HUM

Thirty motor torpedo boats [redacted]
 [redacted] of the P-6 Class;
 Twelve river mine sweepers and patrol boats [redacted]

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The following special service vessels and auxiliary vessels were observed in the harbor:

At the destroyer pier: presumably a complete salvage unit, which consisted of:

Tag and tow MB 80;
Torpedo-recovery vessel and diving vessel BM 104;
Salvage tug A 160;
Lighter with heavy gin A 135; and
Fire boat PDK 52.

Surveying craft G-482 MAGE IT, an ex-German M-40 Class, could be recognized in the shipyard.

The following vessels were observed on the Kaiser Bulwark:

SBR 133, an auxiliary vessel; the identical type appeared in the Leningrad area and in the Arctic Ocean; its use has not yet been determined;
An ex-German ferry punt which has apparently been converted into a houseboat;
Supply ship P-731 OLCHEA, a motor coaster of about 300 tons. The vessel has probably been commissioned for supply service for the naval units stationed in Swinemuende.

The following craft were berthed temporarily in Swinemuende:

Tanker B-18 between supply trips to the Skager-Rack;
Submarine 121 of the W Class in early October 1959;
Submarine 103 of the W Class in mid-April 1960;
The two submarines presumably belonged to the RIGA brigade, and were detached for exercises. 50X1-HUM
Two landing craft, [redacted] of the ME-2 Class [redacted]
Vessel No. 525 had escorted the submarine chasers of the SO Class which had been turned over to the NVA/See and had taken back the crews of these boats (?).

3. Pillau

So far no definite data on the occupation of Pillau harbor has been obtained. However, the following units were presumably berthed there:

Cruiser SVARDLOV, [redacted] 50X1-HUM
Cruiser ORDSMOKH IDZE, pendant No. 310;
Destroyer [redacted] of the KOTLIN Class;
Destroyer [redacted] of the TALLIN Class (?);
Destroyer [redacted] of the ? Class (?);
Destroyer [redacted] of the ? Class (?);
Destroyer [redacted] of the OTLICHNY Class; 50X1-HUM
Destroyer [redacted] of the KOTLIN Class;
Destroyer [redacted] of the KOTLIN Class;
Destroyer [redacted] of the ? Class;
Escort destroyer [redacted] of the RIGA Class;

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Escort destroyer		of the RIGA Class;	50X1-HUM
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Escort destroyer		of the RIGA Class;	
Escort destroyer		of the RIGA Class;	
Submarine chaser		of the ? Class;	
Submarine chaser		of the KRONSTADT Class;	
Submarine chaser		of the ? Class;	
Submarine chaser		of the KRONSTADT Class;	
Submarine chaser		of the KRONSTADT Class;	
Submarine chaser		of the ? Class;	
Submarine chaser		of the KRONSTADT Class;	
Submarine chaser		of the ? Class;	
Submarine chaser		of the ? Class;	
Submarine chaser		of the KRONSTADT Class;	
Submarine chaser		of the ? Class;	
Submarine chaser		of the KRONSTADT Class;	
Submarine chaser		of the ? Class;	
Submarine chaser		of the SO-1 Class;	
Submarine chaser		of the SO-1 Class;	
Submarine chaser		of the SO-1 Class;	
Submarine chaser		of the SO-1 Class;	

Fleet mine sweeper		of the ? Class;	50X1-HUM
Fleet mine sweeper		of the ? Class;	
Fleet mine sweeper		of the T-43 Class;	
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Fleet mine sweeper		of the T-43 Class;	
Fleet mine sweeper		of the T-58 Class;	
Fleet mine sweeper		of the ? Class;	

Approximately 12 coastal mine sweepers of the T-301- and SASMA Classes respectively;

Approximately 24 motor torpedo boats presumably belonging to the P-4- and P-6 Classes

Approximately 16 submarines of the Q- and W Classes;

Landing craft		of the MP-2 Class;	50X1-HUM
Landing craft		of the MP-2 Class;	
Landing craft		of the MP-2 Class;	
Landing craft		of the MP-8 Class;	
Landing craft		Class;	

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Radio communication vessel [redacted] of the LIBAU Class;
 Radio communication vessel [redacted] of the LIBAU Class;
 Tanker JAHROMA.

4. Memel

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[redacted] the number of submarines of the Q Class berthed in Memel harbor has considerably increased. The following units could be identified:

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Submarines of the Q Class, [redacted]

A repair ship of the PM Class, for submarines (?)

Target ships and target tows [redacted] of the POLJKHIN Class,
 [redacted] of the ex-German M-40 Class,

three vessels [redacted] similar to the P-2 Class with
 special radar equipment.

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Auxiliary vessel [redacted] 50X1-HUM

The following vessels were temporarily berthed in Memel:

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Escort destroyer [redacted] of the RIGA Class;

Mine sweeper [redacted] of the T-43 Class;

Submarine chasers including [redacted] of the SO-1 Class.

5. Libau

No definite data on the occupation of Libau harbor have been obtained. However, the following units are assumed to be berthed in Libau:

Approximately 12 destroyers including

[redacted] of the SILNY Class;
 [redacted] of the SILNY Class;
 [redacted] of the SILNY Class;
 [redacted] of the SILNY Class;
 [redacted] of the SILNY Class;

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Approximately 36 submarines [redacted]

[redacted] of the W Class and
 [redacted]

6. Windau

The previous harbor occupation was increased by ten river minesweepers and patrol boats. The following vessels were stationed in Windau after the increase:

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Submarine chasers [redacted]
 [redacted] of the KRONSTADT Class;
 Submarine chasers [redacted] of the SO-1 Class;
 Submarine chasers of the MVD including [redacted] of the KRONSTADT Class;
 Mine sweeper [redacted]
 Coastal mine sweepers [redacted]
 of the T-301 and SASHA Classes;
 River mine sweepers and patrol boats similar to those of the KT Class [redacted]
 [redacted]
 Motor torpedo boats without torpedo tubes belonging to the MVD, [redacted]
 [redacted] of the P-6 Class;
 Auxiliary vessels including surveying boat AINWA G-488, an ex-German M-40
 Class;
 Small depot ship LUCA B-217;
 Tug and tow MB-94;
 Target ship ZL-67 of the POLUKHIN Class; has been in the harbor since
 early 1960.

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The following vessels were temporarily berthed in Windau:

Escort destroyer [redacted] of the RIGA Class;
 Former mine layer MARTY;
 Landing craft [redacted] of the MP-2 Class;
 Air warning ship [redacted] of the T-43 Class;
 Surveying boat G-503, an ex-German M-40 Class;
 Tug and tow A-136;
 Tanker B-18.

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7. Riga

No fundamental changes of the occupation were observed. In detail the following was noticed:

Approximately 12 submarines [redacted] of the W Class;
 Up to 30 motor torpedo boats were propped up ashore and covered with tarpaulins;
 One submarine lifting vessel and repair ship;

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Tug and tow A-65;

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Target ship ZL-67 of the POLUKHIN Class, which was transferred to Windau

The following vessels were temporarily berthed in Riga:

Submarine chasers

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from

Windau;

Mine sweeper of the T-58 Class.

8. Baltic Port

Definite data on the occupation of Baltic Port harbor could not be obtained; the following units are, however, assumed to be berthed there:

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Destroyer of the SKORY Class and

Destroyer of the SKORY Class;

Approximately 12 submarine chasers;

Approximately 6 coastal mine sweepers;

Approximately 6 motor torpedo boats;

Radio communication vessel of the LIBAU Class.

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9. Reval

Little information is available on the occupation of Reval harbor; the following vessels are, however, assumed to be berthed there:

Cruiser ZHDANOV of the SVERDLOV Class;

Cruiser CHKALOV of the CHAPAEV Class;

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Approximately 12 destroyers of the SKORY Class;

of the ? Class;

of the SKORY Class;

of the ? Class;

of the SKORY Class;

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Approximately 4 escort destroyers;

Approximately 18 submarine chasers;

Approximately 24 mine sweepers;

Approximately 12 coastal mine sweepers;

Approximately 24 submarines of the Q Class

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10. Kronstadt

No changes in the occupation of Kronstadt harbor could be recognized. In detail the following units were identified:

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Cruiser KIROV

Class;

of the KIROV

Monitor VIBORG

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Destroyer	of the ? Class;)	50X1-HUM
Destroyer	of the SARY Class;)	
Destroyer	of the KOTLIN Class;)	
Destroyer	of the ? Class;)	
Destroyer	of the GORDY Class;)	
Destroyer	of the GORDY Class;)	
Destroyer	of the OTLICHY Class;)	
Destroyer	of the KOTLIN Class;)	
Destroyer	of the MURPHY Class;)	
Destroyer	of the KILPAT Class;)	
Destroyer	of the KILPAT Class;)	
Submarine	of the Z Class;)	
Submarine	of the F Class;)	
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Submarine	of the F Class;)	50X1-HUM
Submarine	of the F Class;)	
Submarine	of the Q Class;)	
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Submarine	of the W Class;)	
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Submarine	of the W Class;)	
Submarine	of the W Class;)	

Presumably 12 submarine chasers

Presumably 10 mine sweepers of the T-43 and T-53 Classes, including approxi-

mately 10 to 12 coastal mine sweepers;

Landing craft of the LP-3 Class

The following vessels were temporarily berthed in Kronstadt:

Cruisers SVERDLOV and ZHDANOV;

Destroyer of the SARY Class;

Five auxiliary vessels

11. Leningrad

Apart from guard and patrol vessels no permanent occupation could be observed in Leningrad. The following vessels were identified:

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Ice breaker LEVIN prior to his transfer;
 Two newly constructed destroyers [redacted] presumably of the

KRUPNY Class;
 Destroyer [redacted] of the STORY Class;
 Destroyer [redacted] of the KATLIN Class;
 Submarine [redacted] of the W Class;
 Submarine [redacted] of the W Class;
 Submarine [redacted] of the W Class;
 Submarine [redacted] of the W Class;
 Submarine [redacted] of the W Class;
 Submarine [redacted] of the W Class;
 Submarine [redacted] of the Q Class;

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Three submarines of the F Class [redacted]
 Three submarines of the Q Class [redacted]

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Submarine chaser [redacted] of the SO Class;
 Submarine chaser [redacted] of the SO Class;
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 Submarine chaser [redacted] of the SO Class;

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Mine sweeper [redacted] of the T-58 Class;
 Mine sweeper [redacted] of the T-43 Class;
 Mine sweeper [redacted] of the T-43 Class;
 Mine sweeper [redacted] of the T-43 Class;
 Mine sweeper [redacted] of the T-43 Class;
 Radio communication vessel [redacted] of the LIBAU Class;
 Two motor torpedo boats [redacted]
 Former mine-layer PARTY; [redacted]
 Auxiliary vessel [redacted]
 Auxiliary vessel [redacted]

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